

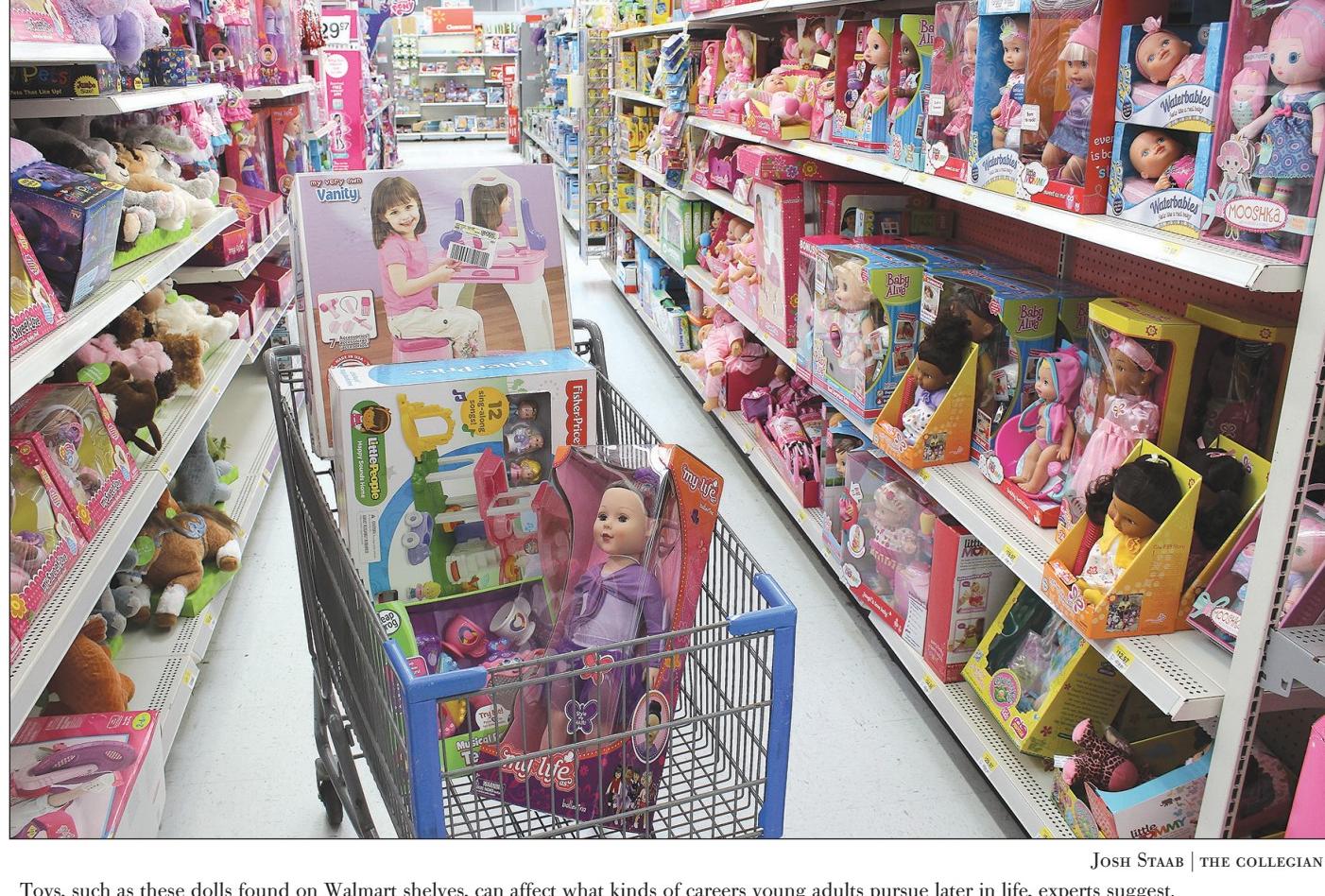
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Toys, such as these dolls found on Walmart shelves, can affect what kinds of careers young adults pursue later in life, experts suggest.

## Toys linked to gender gap in STEM careers

By KAITLYN DEWELL  
THE COLLEGIAN

The gender wage gap that means men make more money than women in America is misunderstood. While it's often stated that women make 77 cents per every dollar men make in our country, a Feb. 1 article by the Daily Beast points out this statistic doesn't take into account the differences in career paths that each gender chooses.

For example, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce compiled a list of the most financially rewarding careers in the U.S. — eight of which lie within the field of engineering — and men outnumber women in all but one of those careers.

Meghan McNally, senior in industrial engineering, said that as a woman in a historically male-dominated field, she faces doubts from others about her abilities on a daily basis, both in and out of the classroom.

"The advice females receive going through a STEM-related degree is aimed at how to cope and work in a male-dominated environment instead of focusing on negotiating pay or learning to be competitive with suppliers," McNally said. "The attitude through-

out her life is that she's combating the norm. Why not allow her to stop 'combating' things and let her do work to show her potential?"

Researchers have been trying to determine what causes men to focus more than women on STEM careers, which stands for science, technology, engineering and math. They are pointing to elements that begin shaping the interests of young people almost from birth: toys.

An article published by BBC News on Feb. 6 suggests the ways in which society markets certain toys for males and certain toys for females is a strong contributor to what we now see in the form of a wage gap.

This is because, in many cases, toys traditionally designed and marketed for girls tend to promote ideas of leisure and standards of being seen rather than heard, such as Barbie dolls or dress-up clothes, while toys traditionally for boys generally encourage the development of problem-solving techniques, such as building blocks and puzzle-related activities.

These differences, the article suggests, later generate interest in science and math for men but almost none for women.

Chardie Baird, associate professor of sociology and director of the K-State Office for the Ad-

vancement of Women in Science and Engineering (KAWSE), said this "princess" mentality strongly contributes to more harmful, prevailing stereotypes in our culture.

"This is a piece of a bigger picture in which we believe girls and women can't do math as well as boys and can't do science as well as boys," Baird said.

According to Baird, research has shown there are very few differences in math ability between the sexes, and that perceived differences are disappearing over time.

"We expect any differences that still exist to be completely similar over time because women are now entering science and math fields, so the differences that looked like they were about ability were really about the fact that girls weren't able to do the activities that let them gain those skills and abilities rather than some sort of innate thing," she said.

Baird added that while there is an increase of women in STEM careers, the perception that girls are inherently incapable of competing in these fields still exists.

Whether gender-specific toys actually influence a child's interests later in life or not is still under debate. McNally said she believes the types of activities and exposure she enjoyed as a child likely influenced her interest in pursuing

a STEM career.

"Growing up, I had a brother and a sister a year apart from me, so there were always both girls' and boys' toys around," she said. "I enjoyed playing with Legos or doing hands-on activities, like building birdhouses. I believe the way others saw me making use of my toys or learning how they worked helped them encourage me to keep exploring, and without that encouragement, I would not have believed in myself enough to pursue engineering."

According to Torry Dickinson, professor in women's studies, only fostering men's interests in science and math fields while repressing women's is not only damaging to females, but also to society as a whole.

"Businesses' search for profit has been a major source of gender inequality in multiple ways," Dickinson said. "Social acceptance of the profit motive above all else plays into institutions that maintain and extend gender inequality. This hurts the economy and also the home, family and community. It's time we start valuing the world's people."

Baird said he believes that the entire population would benefit from an increase in women

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"STEM"

## Latest census shows growth in Riley County population

By KAREN SARITA INGRAM  
THE COLLEGIAN

Riley County one of few Kansas counties to gain residents through migration in last 4 years

The latest census figures show that Riley County continues to be a favorite for places to live for Kansas residents over the last several years.

Despite recent efforts to revitalize the economy, the state overall has lost more citizens to outward migration than it has gained from inward migration, according to numbers released by the Census Bureau last Thursday. Riley County, however, saw its population grow; more than 1,500 people migrated to the community from 2010 to 2013.

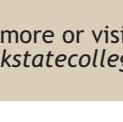
The state lost a net of 10,197 people who moved out of state between 2010 and 2013. Specifically, the net loss from July of 2012 to July 2013 put Kansas in the bottom 10 states people moved to, along with New York, California, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Connecticut.

Some regions in Kansas were harder hit than others. Sedgewick County lost more people than any other county, with more than 5,000 people migrating over a three year period. Other areas, however, saw substantial growth. Johnson County, for example, gained 9,699 people.

Overall, Kansas' population grew to approximately 2.9 million people after 40,777 more births were recorded than the number of recorded deaths and losses to migration.

### Mild earthquakes felt in southern Kansas, parts of Oklahoma

The U.S. Geological Survey reported a series of mild earthquakes in Oklahoma and Kansas over the last week. A total of 23 were reported in Oklahoma and five in Kansas over a seven day period, according to Tulsa World. Most of the quakes were smaller than 4.0 magnitude and caused no reported injuries or property damage. On Sunday, the U.S. Geological Survey reported three quakes in one day near Crescent, Oklahoma, located 136 miles south of Wichita. The largest was a 4.3 magnitude earthquake.



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## Landon Lecture to feature ESPN President, Big 12 conference commissioner

By SHELTON BURCH  
THE COLLEGIAN

Wednesday night's Landon Lecture will deviate from the traditional podium lecture and will include a more interactive format for attendees to enjoy.

"Instead of a standard

lecture behind a podium, they thought it would be a good idea to have a forum," Shelly Broccolo, event coordinator for the K-State President's office, said.

The lecture, which will take place in a more question-answer format, is scheduled to feature ESPN Pres-

ident John Skipper, Big 12 conference commissioner Bob Bowlsby, former K-State athletic director DeLoss Dodds and K-State president Kirk Schulz, who also serves on the NCAA Executive Committee.

Current K-State athletic director John Currie will also serve

as a facilitator for the event.

Jackie Hartman, chief of staff and director of community relations for the President's office, said the question and answer format will be good because it will offer more variety to audience members.

"You get more information from a variety of perspectives when you add multiple people

to the podium," Hartman said. Broccolo said the 10 pre-determined questions will be related to sports. A question will be posed, followed by approximately five minutes of answer and discussion.

Hartman said ESPN's impact on mass media will also be discussed.

"We're going to talk about how ESPN has affected media and how media has affected public affairs," Hartman said. "ESPN has definitely changed media since its inception."

The event is scheduled to take place in McCain Auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday.

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#### Question of the Day

"What is your favorite April Fool's Day prank?"

Look for the opinion page tomorrow to see how K-Staters responded.



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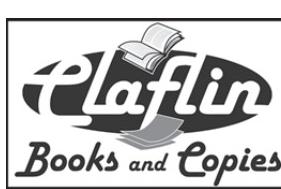
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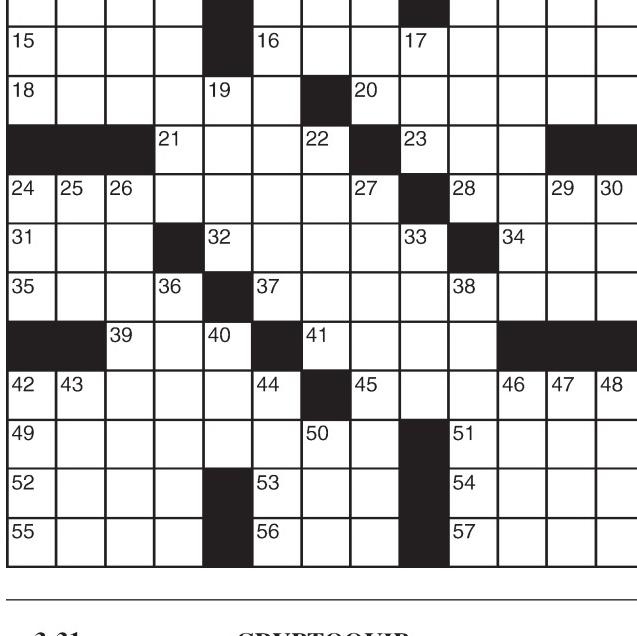
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LEFT, I'D SAY HE'S A FUND-RAZOR.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals O

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#### ARREST REPORTS

##### Thursday, March 27

Stefan Joshua Eugene Davis, Kansas City, was booked for aggravated battery. No bond was listed.

Tabita Joe Jorgensen, Ogden, Kan., was booked for domestic battery and criminal damage to property. Bond was listed at \$2,000.

Akwete Fayola Dayo Burd, 500 block of Juliette Avenue, was booked for violation of protection orders. Bond was listed at \$1,000.

David Ray Lewis, 500 block of Moro Street, was booked for making false writings. Bond was listed at \$2,500.

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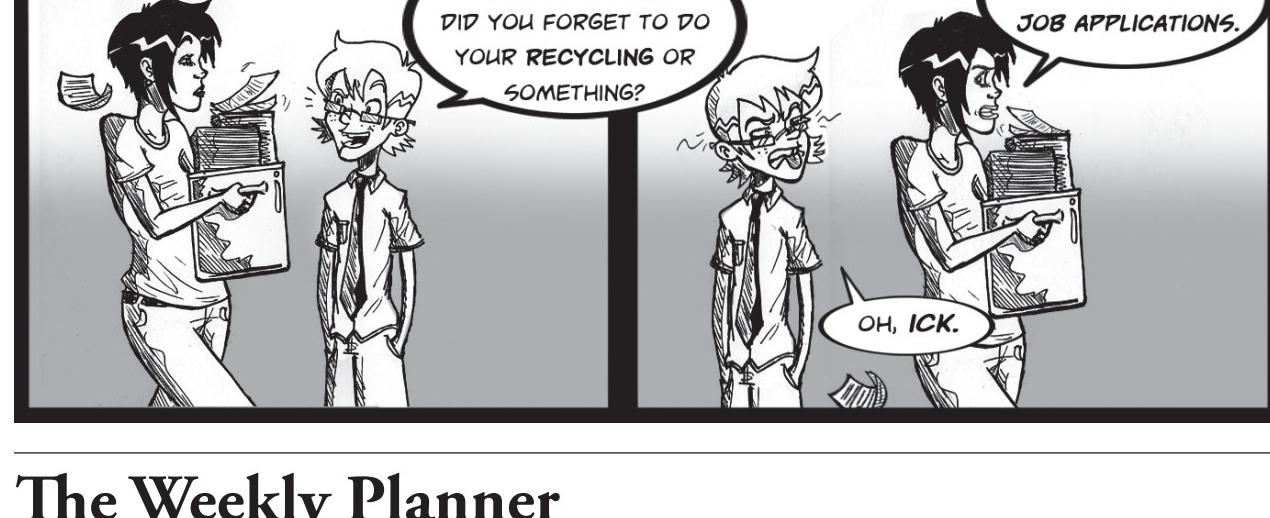
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### The Weekly Planner

#### Monday, March 31

Last day to drop a regular session course

Registrar's Office

Entries accepted for intramural home run derby

Recreation Complex

Doctoral dissertations: Ashley Gleiman

"Building Informal Leaders: An Exploratory Study of an Army Leadership Development Program for Command Team Spouses"

16 Bluemont Hall, 10 a.m.

Defense of Doctoral Dissertation: Kristy Soloski

167 Justin Hall, 11 a.m.

Defense of Doctoral Dissertation: Tamara Lynn

"Irony of a Revolution: How Grassroots Organizations Reinforced Power Structures they Fought to Resist"

201A Waters Hall, 2:30 p.m.

Community Cinema: Medora

Town Hall, Leadership Studies Building, 7-9 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT K-State

Forum Hall, K-State Student Union, 7-10 p.m.

Faculty artist: Amy Rosine

All Faiths Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 3

Doctoral dissertations:

Rohit Kamat

137 Waters Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Geoscience webinar

109 Justin Hall, 4-5 p.m.

Creativity Illuminated

Series Guest Presenter:

Yuval Ron

Large Conference Room, Leadership Studies Building, 4-5 p.m.

Film Screening: "Breaking the Maya Code" the Creativity Illuminated Series

Beach Museum of Art, 4-6 p.m.

#### Speaker Wade Davis

Little Theatre, K-State Student Union, 7 p.m.

K-State Computers and Technology Movie Series: Gravity

127 Nichols Hall, 7 p.m.

Guest Artist: Jan Kraybill, Organ

All Faiths Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

West Side Story

McCain Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Anton in Show Business

Purple Masque Theatre, East Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday, April 4

35th Annual Ed Chartrand Memorial Soccer Tournament

Memorial Stadium, Apr 4-Apr 6

Creativity Illuminated

Series: Public Conversation

Hemisphere Room, Hale Library, 2-4 p.m.

Mapping Indigenous

Territorial Stability in Central America

132 Seaton Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Baseball: K-State vs Kansas Sunflower Showdown

Tointon Family Stadium, 6:30 p.m.

Film Screening: "Dance of the Maize God" the Creativity Illuminated Series

Beach Museum of Art, 7-9 p.m.

Anton in Show Business

Purple Masque Theatre, East Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

"Breaking Bad" Co-Star RJ Mitte: Overcoming Adversity

Forum Hall, K-State Student Union, 8 p.m.

West Make a Deal

Little Theatre, K-State Student Union, 8-9:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 5

Open House

K-State Campus, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Baseball: K-State vs

Kansas: Appreciation Day

Tointon Family Stadium, 2 p.m.

UPC Film: Mary Poppins

Forum Hall, K-State Student Union, 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

Anton in Show Business

Purple Masque Theatre, East Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 6

Baseball: K-State vs Kansas: Family Day

Tointon Family Stadium, 1 p.m.

UPC Film: Mary Poppins

Forum Hall, K-State Student Union, 8 p.m.

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Great Room, Hale Library, 8-9 p.m.

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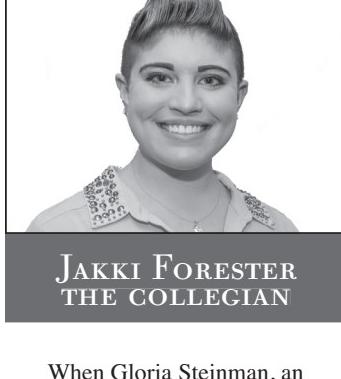
# OPINION

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## Female leaders undermined solely based on gender



JAKKI FORESTER  
THE COLLEGIAN

Northwestern University, in a CNN article from March 4. "Would the students have engaged in attacks on gender and race had the chancellor been a white man? Somehow, I don't think so."

Though Wise did her job by choosing to not cancel class, she was attacked for being a woman of color, which was completely irrelevant to the topic at hand. When women are attacked for doing their jobs, it discourages younger women to aspire to be in those positions.

When it comes to high ranking positions, there is a significant disparity between men and women in power. When looking at the number of CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, there are 23 females, according to an article from Fortune magazine from Dec. 10, 2013. Because numbers like this, young women, even women in college, find it hard to envision themselves in a position of leadership when aspiring to work their way up the corporate ladder.

When looking at politics, the disparity is just as prevalent. According to a Business Insider article by Jon Terbush, Lauren Brown and Michael Brendan Dougherty from March 1, 2012, there have been more than 50 countries who have had a female head of state or head of government at some point in their history. The U.S. is not one of those.

Additionally, women only make up one-fifth of the seats in both the House of Representatives and Senate nationally, according to a Jan. 1 report from the Inter-Parliamentary Union. The U.S. is ranked 83rd of 189 countries globally based on the percentage of women they have active in their Congress.

One reason for gender underrepresentation in politics might be because female political leaders are undermined in media. One way female politicians are undermined in the media is that the issues and points they are trying to make are not being printed, but rather articles about what they are wearing.

Hillary Clinton was asked what designers she was wearing at an



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interview in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on Dec. 2, 2010. She turned the tables and asked the moderator if he would ask a man what designers he was wearing, and the moderator replied, "probably not."

Female politicians are being undermined - females in power are being undermined. The former secretary of state has time and time again been scrutinized for what she had been wearing, rather than the messages she was trying to convey.

When issues affecting women are being discussed at a Congres-

sional level, and there are so few women to discuss those issues, it leaves a bleak future for younger generations of women. When women don't have a voice in their own futures and are forced to live in the status quo, it will make for a heartbreaking society for women in the future.

Women should be able to grow up in a society and aspire to be whatever they want without being questioned. Women should see themselves in the political sphere. Women should be able to be repre-

sented in their government. Women should get the respect they deserve for being human beings, let alone equals.

*The views expressed in this column are the opinion of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official opinion of The Collegian.*

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## No easy answer for birth control debate when analyzing personal, religious freedoms



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THE COLLEGIAN

without fear of persecution. These two ideas, unfortunately, sometimes conflict with one another.

In a March 13 opinion column published by the American Civil Liberties Union, a woman listed as Jessica R. described her struggles with her employer and birth control. At first, she was told by the human resources department that birth control was not offered in her employee health insurance, but when she contacted the insurance companies herself, she found out that they actually did.

Her employer had deliberately deceived her. So, Jessica got birth control through her

insurance company for about a year before taking a break to have a kid. When she tried to get back on birth control, she was denied because her employer had caught wind of her perfectly legal "scheme" and fixed it so that she could not use the company's insurance for birth control any longer. Furthermore, Jessica said the HR director now gives her dirty looks and periodically threatens to fire her if she steps out of line again.

Based on that description alone, I should be outraged and totally on Jessica R.'s side, but here's the problem: her employer is a Catholic university. This

makes me very uncomfortable. My gut instinct says that if Jessica R.'s insurance company was fine with helping her pay for birth control, her employer had no right to step in and meddle.

But this isn't Hobby Lobby or some other equal opportunity employer; it's a private, religious school that might even have tax-exempt status, like a church. While it's okay for a private school to be "women only" or to require all students to attend mass, it's generally not considered okay for a business to deny service or employment to someone because of religious differences.

Businesses make certain demands of their employees, like wearing only close-toed shoes to work because of safety reasons, but birth control does not generally affect somebody's safety at work or ability to perform a job, nor is it something visible that could offend the eyes of customers.

The Obama administration announced on Jan. 28 that religiously-affiliated employers must cover birth control in their health insurance policies. Again, I don't see a problem with a birth control mandate if it's something like Hobby Lobby or Chick-fil-A, because they employ people of all religious doctrines and serve anybody who walks in the door with money without first asking to see their Christian Values Membership Card.

Speaking of Christian values, now would probably be a good time to mention that the Guttmacher Institute, a non-profit sexual health research organization, published a report in 2011 which revealed that 98 percent of Catholics have used birth control instead of "natural" methods of family planning. According to the report, most use sterilization, the birth control pill or an intrauterine device.

I find this mind-boggling,

considering how many schools and advocacy groups are demanding that we teach abstinence-only methods of birth control in schools.

There's an awful lot of hypocrisy out there, but I don't know that hypocrisy should necessarily be an excuse to force a Catholic school to change their policy on birth control. I know Jews who eat pork, but I wouldn't insist that the government force a Jewish school to serve bacon for breakfast.

I guess what it comes down to is, there are no easy answers when it comes to religious freedom versus personal freedom. The two will always collide until the church doctrine decides to change. Maybe those 98 percent of Catholics should petition the church to update their policies on birth control so that this stupid argument can be put to rest. Then we can focus our energies on other stupid arguments, like Creationism versus Evolution.

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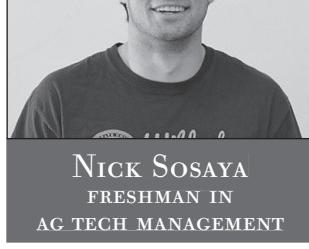
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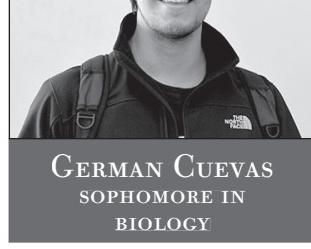
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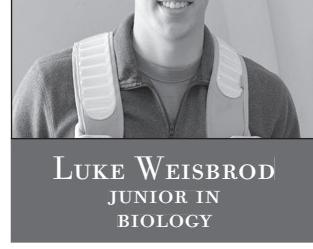
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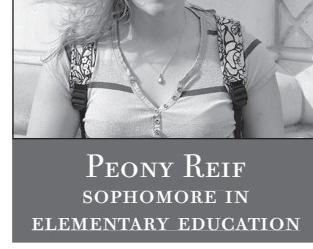
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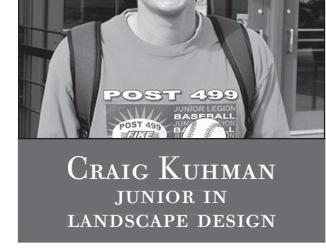
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"Ag implements, because it's a prereq for a lot of the higher ag tech management courses, it's a lot more in-depth than the intro courses."

"Organic chemistry II, because I heard that Dr. Bossmann will be teaching the class."

"I'm really not excited about any of them, but I'd say biochemistry, because I like chemistry."

"I'm just starting my blocks for teaching. My area of concentration is in history, so I'm not sure which history class I'm taking, but that's probably going to be my favorite class I take!"

"Landscape design II class, because I am going to be into what my future is going to deal with, and how I'm going to use it to be successful."

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS



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ABOVE: Junior **Amina St. Hill** returns a volley to Oklahoma's Emma Devine in St. Hill's 6-3, 6-1 victory on Friday at the Mike Goss Tennis Stadium. St. Hill recorded the Wildcats' only win of the day as K-State fell to OU 6-1, and another win on Sunday as K-State fell 5-2 to Oklahoma State.

LEFT: The match against Oklahoma Friday marked the first competition to be held in the new Mike Goss Tennis Stadium, located east of the Rec, that was completed last September.

## Cats drop both weekend bouts, fall to 8-8 record

Niedermayerova, St. Hill only Wildcats to walk away with wins in team's weekend losses

By JOHN ZETMEIR  
THE COLLEGIAN

The No. 61 K-State Wildcats faced a tough test this weekend, taking on two teams ranked in the top 25. The Wildcats found themselves on the losing end of both matches, dropping their record to 8-8 (2-2 Big 12).

On Friday, the No. 19 Oklahoma Sooners were simply too much for the Wildcats to han-

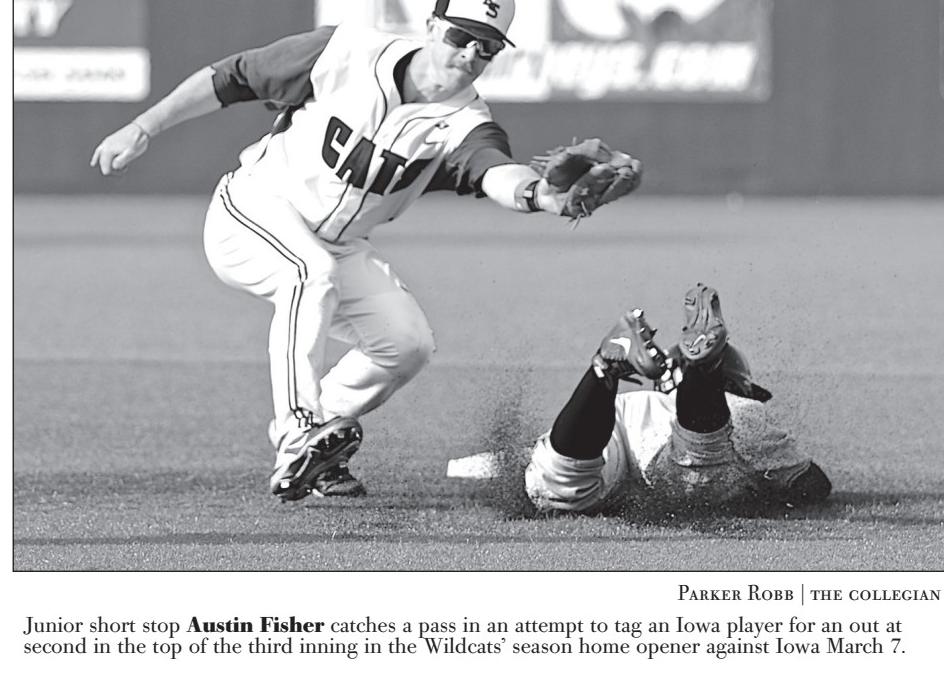
dle. The Sooners dominated the competition, 6-1. No. 23 Oklahoma State continued that trend on Sunday in Mike Goss Tennis Stadium. K-State dropped their second match of the weekend 5-2 to close out the week.

Senior Petra Niedermayerova and junior Amina St. Hill were the only Wildcats to walk out with victories over the weekend.

K-State will host No. 22 Texas on Saturday and No. 16 Baylor on Sunday to finish up their four-game home stint.

## BASEBALL

### Wildcats win 2 of 3 against Creighton Bluejays



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Junior short stop **Austin Fisher** catches a pass in an attempt to tag an Iowa player for an out at second in the top of the third inning in the Wildcats' season home opener against Iowa March 7.

By SPENCER LOW  
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games against the Creighton Bluejays (12-9-1).

While the weekend was a successful one, it was very close to being a sweep, as the team's lone loss came on Friday night when their ninth inning rally fell one run short in a 4-3 loss. A bases loaded single from senior center fielder Ross Kivett drove in two runs and cut the Blue-

jays lead to a lone run, but the Wildcats did not capitalize as their next two batters could not bring home another runner.

The offense was able to put nine hits on the board, but stranded 11 runners in the game, eight of which were in the crucial last four innings of the game. Kivett had a good day overall, with

a single, a double, two RBIs, a run scored, and two walks drawn in five trips to the plate. Senior catcher Blair DeBord and junior second baseman Carter Yagi also added two hits each.

Sophomore starter Levi MaVorhis tossed 5 and one-third innings with four runs allowed - two earned - off seven hits with three strikeouts and a walk, taking the loss to drop him to 3-3 this season. Sophomore Jake Matthys finished the game with 2 and two-third scoreless innings and three strikeouts to continue his up-and-down season.

On Saturday, K-State rebounded from the disappointing loss to take the second game 8-5 thanks to a big day from the offense, which drew a cumulative eight walks and banged out 11 hits. Senior third baseman R.J. Santigate led all players with three hits, while Kivett, junior shortstop Austin Fisher, and freshman designated hitter Tanner DeVinny each had two hits. DeVinny also tied a career high with three runs driven in on the day.

Senior starter Jared Moore moved to 5-1 on the

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"BASEBALL"

## EQUESTRIAN

### K-State defeats TCU in 3rd place matchup at Big 12 Championship

By JOHN ZETMEIR  
THE COLLEGIAN

Over the weekend, the K-State equestrian team placed third at the Big 12 Equestrian Championship in Waco, Texas. On Friday, the Wildcats fell to top-seeded Oklahoma State 10-9. As the score reflects, it was a close decision, but the Wildcats did not hang their heads. Instead, they bounced back in a big way on Saturday, defeating TCU 13-6.

"I am proud of how our

team recovered today after a tough loss on day one," head coach Casie Maxwell said to K-State Sports after the meet. "We rode much cleaner and stronger all together today. We still have some issues to address before the National Championship, but things are shaping up well for us."

Five K-State riders were named to the All-Big-12 Team. Senior Rachel Webster was named Big 12 Equitation on the Flat Rider of the Year. K-State will return to Waco to finish their season at the NCEA National Championship on April 17-19.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

### K-State posts 8th place finish in Mountain View Collegiate tourney

By AUSTIN EARL  
THE COLLEGIAN

versity of Nebraska, who won the tournament.

The Wildcats were led by junior Olivia Eliasson, whose one-over par finish tied for eighth. Junior Carly Ragains was two strokes behind Eliasson and tied for 11th. Senior Gianna Misenhelter finished at 10-over and tied for 35th, while freshman Katherine Coursol was two strokes worse and tied for 48th. All other Wildcats finished outside of the top 50.

## WOMEN'S ROWING

### Wildcat rowing win marks 4 straight in Sunflower Showdown

By TIMOTHY EVERSON  
THE COLLEGIAN

On Saturday the K-State women's rowing team made it four Sunflower Showdown victories in a row as it took out Kansas with an overall score of 17-6.

They Jayhawks kept it close all morning out on Wyandotte County Lake, going into the final two races leading the Wildcats 6-2.

The Wildcats started their comeback with an impressive

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## TRACK AND FIELD

### K-State's Savatovic, Twiss, among strong weekend performances

The K-State Wildcats track and field team tallied multiple impressive marks over the weekend at both the Texas Relays and ESU Spring Open.

Senior Erica Twiss was one of those Wildcats who highlighted the weekend as she started her outdoor season with a bang. Twiss's 13.74 time in her 100 meter hurdles qualifying round heat

set a meet record. Twiss was the only runner to run a sub-14 second time.

Sophomore thrower Sara Savatovic showed why she is not just one of the best throwers in the Big 12 but in the world. Savatovic won the hammer throw with a toss of 65.19 meters. Her throw is not the top mark set by anyone in Division one track and field so far this season.

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## Easy DIY products take unnatural chemicals, bank-breakers out of spring cleaning



JENA SAUBER  
THE COLLEGIAN

Yesterday, I threw open all my apartment's windows and let the warm spring weather in. I cranked up some music and started in on my traditional bout of "spring cleaning." Several hours later, I finished, tired, but with a clean apartment and a sense of satisfaction.

"Spring cleaning," defined as "a complete cleaning of a place, as a home, done traditionally in the spring of

the year," is a long-standing tradition. The Jewish, Iranian and Chinese cultures all have ancient practices of deep cleaning dwellings around the vernal equinox- or the first day of spring.

In Iran, it is used to symbolize regeneration; they symbolize new growth and refreshment through practices like burning and planting. In the Jewish culture, Passover, which occurs around April, is a time to do extensive house cleaning for religious preparation. The Chinese also traditionally clean in the spring in anticipation of their new year and new beginnings.

In America, it's less symbolic, and more commercial. Cleaning companies heavily market their products in the spring, accompanied by colorful, spring-like advertisements designed to put consumers in the "spring cleaning" mindset.

It's also functional. Over the winter, we tend to keep our houses shut up tight and the layers piled on- both of clothes, and of dirt and grime. Naturally, snow and cold temperatures tend to attract more messes and less deep-cleaning. The first teases of warm temperatures make it more tempting to fling open the windows and "begin again" with a cleaner, healthier home.

According to the American Cleaning Institute, 72 percent of American adults "spring clean" their house every year. 12 percent never do. The bedroom is the most popular: 76 percent of people prioritize it, followed by the kitchen (73 percent), bathrooms (69 percent) and family room (61 percent). Washing windows and cleaning behind furniture are the most popular tasks (80 percent each), followed by cleaning appliances

(72 percent) and scrubbing floors (70 percent).

Even so, getting that deep clean, while sticking to a budget, can seem daunting. Many household cleaning products are filled with unpronounceable things I don't want to spray around my room and breath in, and natural cleaning products can be expensive.

Instead, I chose to do most of my cleaning with do-it-yourself household products. Most of the "ingredients" are more natural than the bottles of chemical cleaners I can buy at the store, and work just as efficiently. I've been washing my clothes with homemade laundry detergent since my sophomore year, and I've spent about a grand total of \$20 on the detergent in the two years since then.

Using DIY cleaning products takes longer than running to the store and picking out a

neon blue bottle to squirt all over your mirror, but the money you save and peace of mind you gain will be well worth it in the end.

Try out these tested-and-proven DIY cleaning product recipes before you start spring cleaning this year. I typically purchase the ingredients in bulk, such as a gallon of white vinegar or a 4 pound box of baking soda. This helps keep per-use costs down, and prevents me from having to return to the store in the middle of cleaning to buy more.

### All purpose household cleaner

1 part white vinegar  
1 part water  
Optional: 1 tbsp baking soda  
Combine the white vinegar and water in a spray bottle (available at most grocery or hardware stores). If you want

extra cleaning power, add the baking soda and shake, but don't forget the torrent of bubbles the chemical reaction will produce. It's best to mix it in the kitchen sink or outside. This cleaner can be a little stinky, but you've already got your windows open letting the sunshine in, right?

Cost: approximately \$0.02 per 1/4 cup use

Use for: Everything! This cleaner will clean and disinfect surfaces including your shower, kitchen sink, counters, door knobs, light switches, windows, mirrors and more.

### Furniture Dusting Spray

1 tbsp. dish soap  
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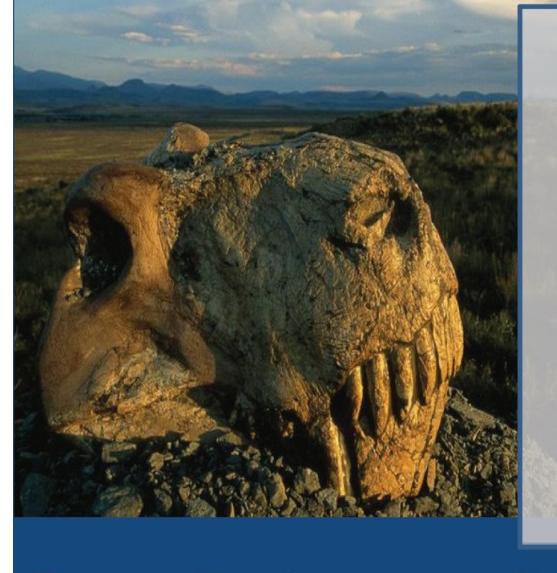
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## Going against the wind



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**Bryan Lyde**, freshman in milling science, hits a pop fly into deep left field during Smith and Smurthwaite Scholarship Houses' co-rec intramural softball game against the Thunder Buddies Sunday evening. K-State students and Manhattan residents were out and about Sunday, as the temperature hit a high of 76 degrees, but strong wind gusts out of the south, topping off at 46 mph this morning, made softball and similar sports difficult. Sunday was opening day for the Rec's spring intramural softball leagues.

## STEM | 'Early encouragement' needed for kids

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exploring STEM careers.

"In their daily lives, women are being squelched rather than encouraged to figure out what they're good at," she said. "We're missing out on talented people who are capable of developing important discoveries that we could find useful."

McNally echoed Baird's thoughts, saying that all children, regardless of gender, should have the chance to find their strengths and passions in order to successfully contribute to society in adult life.

"It is so vitally important to encourage children at a young age to explore and be creative," McNally said. "I believe the early encouragement of engineering toys can give the boost and acceptance females need in today's society to be successful."

## ROWING | Cats hold off Jayhawks, secure comeback

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9.1 second win by the second Varsity 8 boat. They are the defending Big 12 Boat of the Week.

That win gave the Wildcats an 8-6 lead heading into a winner-take-all race between both first Varsity 8 boats. The Wildcats 4.1 second win helped secure a win in the regatta and ensure that the Kansas Cup would spend another year in Manhattan.

The Wildcats look to continue their strong momentum in San Diego this weekend for the San Diego Crew Classic on April 5 and 6.

## BASEBALL | Freshman pitcher continues perfect season

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season with the win despite delivering a lackluster performance in allowing five runs in five innings. However, after a scoreless inning from freshman Jake Whaley, sophomore reliever Ethan Landon came through huge for the Wildcats with three perfect innings to close out the

game for his first career save.

Sunday's rubber match also went to the Wildcats, thanks to another great performance from starter Nate Griepp, who threw seven innings and allowed two runs off seven hits with five punch outs and just a single walk in an 8-2 victory. The freshman is now a perfect 3-0 this season and has delivered some solid

performances since being named a weekend starter by head coach Brad Hill.

Freshman Jordan Floyd and Matthys each pitched a scoreless inning of relief to keep the Bluejays at arms distance to secure the win.

Santigate had another great day at the plate with three more hits while Kivett and junior right fielder

Mitch Meyer had two hits apiece. Meyer also knocked in a team-high two RBIs in the game.

K-State will return to action on Tuesday as they remain in Omaha to face the University of Nebraska-Omaha before returning to Manhattan for a three-game series against in-state rival Kansas for conference play.

## CLEAN | Pleasant temperatures perfect time for cleaning

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Pour ingredients into a spray bottle and shake. Spray onto surfaces and wipe clean with a cloth, or spray directly on cloth and wipe down surfaces.

Cost: approximately \$0.01 per 1/8 cup use

Use for: Dusting and cleaning wooden furniture. Be sure to wipe all surfaces down to avoid leaving product standing on wooden sur-

faces. It cleans, and leaves a slight shine behind (like commercial products).

### Carpet Cleaner

2 cups borax  
1 cup baking soda

Add all ingredients to a mixing bowl. Break up any clumps with a fork. Store in a sealed container, such as an empty, clean spice shaker. Sprinkle over your carpet and let sit for half an hour. Vacuum it up

like normal.

Cost: approximately \$0.39 per half pound use

Use for: It doesn't get out set-in stains, but it does well for removing small spills and unfortunate smells. It also gets dirt out that you didn't know was even there. Your carpet, and entire house, will smell amazing.

If you are concerned about what you are spraying and wiping around during spring cleaning, or

any other time of the year, try out these DIY recipes to feel safe and save a little bit of money. The temperature is forecasted to hit the low 70s today, making it perfect for some deep spring cleaning.

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